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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thorsten Melcher
K.C. McFarland

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 20, 2000 for 3 months, from November 20, 2000 to February 20, 2001. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$445.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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